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Amendment and Response

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AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby amend the specification and claims of the application in the manner shown below. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter these amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the first paragraph that appears under "Field of the Invention" in the specification at page 1, lines 11-18, and replace that paragraph with the replacement paragraph that appears below.

--This patent application is a continuation-in-part patent application of ~~pending~~ nonprovisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 10/408,072, filed on April 4, 2003, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part patent application of ~~pending~~ nonprovisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 10/176,411, filed on June 19, 2002, now abandoned, from prior provisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 60/348,543, filed on January 16, 2002, now abandoned. U.S. Serial No. 10/408,072, U.S. Serial No. 10/176,411 and U.S. Serial No. 60/348,543 are each incorporated by reference in their entireties herein. This patent application claims the benefit of provisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 60/348,543.--

Please also delete the Abstract of the Disclosure ("abstract") that appears in the specification at page 88, lines 1-22, and replace that abstract with the replacement abstract that appears below.